

Wednesday, November 15, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations & Foreign Operations Appropriations Conference Reports.

House agreed to the conference report on Treasury-Postal Service appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S17045–S17102

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1412–1416. **Pages S17090–91**

Foreign Operations Appropriations—Conference Report: By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 575), Senate tabled Senate Amendment No. 115, relating to the prohibition of funds to foreign non-government organizations which employ abortion as a means of family planning (and thereby receded from its amendment No. 115), to the conference report on H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, thus clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S17064–67**

Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations—Conference Report: By 63 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. 576), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2020, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent

Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S17068–78**

Senate receded from its amendment No. 132. **Page S17078**

Messages From the House: **Page S17090**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S17097–S17102**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—576) **Pages S17067, S17078**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and adjourned at 9:09 p.m., until 9 a.m., on Thursday, November 16, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S17102.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2636–2645; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 120–122, H. Con. Res. 113 were introduced. **Pages H12505–06**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 268, providing for consideration of H. Res. 250, to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide for gift reform (H. Rept. 104–341);

H. Res. 269, providing for consideration of H.R. 2564, to provide for the disclosure of lobbying activities to influence the Federal Government (H. Rept. 104-342);

H. Res. 270, providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 122, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996 (H. Rept. 104-343);

Conference report on H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104-344);

Conference report on S. 440, to amend title 23, United States Code, to provide for the designation of the National Highway System (H. Rept. 104-345);

H. Res. 271, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996 (H. Rept. 104-346); and

Conference report on H.R. 2491, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 105 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 1996 (H. Rept. 104-347).

Pages H12415-90, H12505, H12509-H13034

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Bunning of Kentucky to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Foreign Operations Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 183 nays, Roll No. 794, the House agreed to the Callahan motion to disagree to the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment numbered 115 to H.R. 1868, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996—returning the measure to the Senate.

Pages H12356-62

Treasury-Postal Service Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 374 yeas to 52 nays, Roll No. 797, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2020, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

Pages H12371-80

House insisted on its disagreement to Senate amendment numbered 132—clearing the measure for Senate action.

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H. Res. 267, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 133 nays, Roll No. 796. Agreed to order the previous question on the rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 233 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 795.

Pages H12362-71

Interior Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 230 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 799, the House agreed to the Yates motion to recommit the further conference report on H.R. 1977, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, to the committee of conference with instructions to insist on the House position on Senate amendment numbered 108, prohibiting use of funds on the Tongass National Forest except in compliance with Alternative P, and Senate amendment numbered 158, concerning fair market value for mineral patents.

Pages H12389-H12404

H. Res. 253, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a yea-and-nay vote of 237 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 798.

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Recess: House recessed at 5:47 p.m. and reconvened at 6:38 p.m.; and recessed at 6:39 p.m. and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

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Bill Re-Referred: The bill H.R. 2552, to transfer the Tatum Salt Dome Property to the State of Mississippi to be designated by the State as the Jamie Whitten Wilderness Area, was re-referred to the Committee on National Security.

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Caucus Membership: Read a letter from the Chairman of the Democratic Caucus wherein he stated that Representative Parker was no longer a member of the Democratic Caucus.

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Committee Membership: Read letters from the Speaker wherein he advised the Chairman of the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Budget that Representative Parker's previous election to those committees had been vacated.

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Two-thirds Vote Waiver: House agreed to H. Res. 265, waiving a requirement of clause 4(b) of rule XI with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules.

Pages H12405-06

Further Continuing Appropriations: By a yea-and-nay vote of 277 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 802, the House passed H.J. Res. 122, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996.

Pages H12490-H12504

Rejected the Obey motion to recommit the joint resolution to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the joint resolution back forthwith containing an amendment that reduces the minimum level for funding operations from 40 percent to 10 percent and inserts language in title III that would provide that tax cuts will start after the budget is balanced; that there be no reductions in

education; that there be no alterations in the Medicare program; and that no money be appropriated and no targeted tax benefit be provided that is not subject to a line item veto in providing a commitment to a seven-year balanced budget (rejected by a yeas-and-nays vote of 187 yeas to 241 nays, Roll No. 801).

Pages H12501-03

H. Res. 270, the rule under which the joint resolution was considered, was agreed to earlier by a yeas-and-nays vote of 249 yeas to 176 nays, Roll No. 800).

Page H12406-15

Committees To Sit: The following committees and their subcommittees received permission to sit today during proceedings of the House under the 5-minute rule: Committees on Commerce, Economic and Educational Opportunities, Government Reform and Oversight, House Oversight, International Relations, Resources, Science, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans Affairs, and Select Intelligence.

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Recess: House recessed at 12:10 a.m. and reconvened at 1:10 a.m.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H12351 and H12405.

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule today appear on pages H12507-08.

Quorum Calls-Votes: Seven yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H12361-62, H12370, H12371, H12379, H12389, H12403-04, H12414-15, H12503, and H12503-04. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 1:11 a.m., November 16.

Committee Meetings

TRITIUM PRODUCTION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on Tritium Production and the Report of the Speaker's Task Force entitled "Getting on with Tritium Production". Testimony was heard from Representatives Graham and Ensign; Charles Curtis, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy; Paul Lisowski, Project Leader, Accelerator Production of Tritium, Los Alamos National Laboratory; and public witnesses.

ALLEGATIONS OF FDA ABUSES OF AUTHORITY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on Allegations of FDA Abuses of Authority. Testimony was heard

from David A. Kessler, M.D., Commissioner, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services.

FEDERAL-AID FACILITY PRIVATIZATION ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology held a hearing on H.R. 1907, Federal-Aid Facility Privatization Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representative McIntosh; Michael B. Cook, Director, Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

POSTAL REORGANIZATION ACT

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on the Postal Service held a hearing on "The Postal Reorganization Act Twenty-Five Years Later: Time For A Change?". Testimony was heard from Representatives Crane and Rohrabacher; Anthony M. Frank, former Postmaster General; Patti Birge Tyson, former Commissioner, Postal Rate Commission; Murray Comarow, former Executive Director, Kappel Commission and former Senior Assistant Postmaster General; and the following representatives of the Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress: Donald W. Kiefer, Chief, Economics Division; Bernard A. Gelb, Specialist in Industry Economics, Economics Division; Frederick M. Kaiser, Specialist in American National Government, Government Division; Bernevia M. McCalip, Analyst in Business and Government Relations, Economics Division; Carolyn Merck, Specialist in Social Legislation, Education and Public Welfare Division; and Thomas J. Nicola, Legislative Attorney, American Law Division.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on House Oversight: Met to consider pending Committee business.

BOSNIA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Human Rights, Refugees, and War Crimes: The Prospects for Peace in Bosnia. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SOUTH PACIFIC—NUCLEAR ISSUES

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Nuclear Issues in the South Pacific. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. McNamara, Assistant Secretary, Political-Military Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held a hearing on Nature, Extent, and Proliferation

of Federal Law Enforcement: Part 1, An Introduction and Overview. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of Administration of Justice Issues, GAO: Norman J. Rabkin, Director; and Weldon McPhail, Assistant Director; the following former Attorney Generals: Griffin Bell; and Dick Thornburgh; and Salvatore R. Martoche, former Assistant Secretary, Enforcement, Department of the Treasury.

UNITED STATES GROUND FORCES IN BOSNIA

Committee on the National Security: Continued hearings on the proposed deployment of United States ground forces to Bosnia. Testimony was heard from Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, former Permanent Representatives of the United States to the United Nations; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 33, Stuttgart National Aquaculture Research Center Act of 1995; H.R. 2243, amended, Trinity River Basin and Wildlife Management Reauthorization Act of 1995; and H.R. 1784, amended, to validate certain conveyances made by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company within the cities of Reno, Nevada, and Tulare, California.

The Committee began markup of H.R. 2402, Snowbasin Land Exchange Act of 1995.

Will continue tomorrow.

LOBBYING DISCLOSURE ACT

Committee on Rules: Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing 2 hours of debate on H.R. 2564, Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995. The rule waives clause 2(l)(6) of rule XI (three day layover) against consideration of the bill. All points of order are waived against any amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. The rule further provides that if the House passes a bill that is identical to the Senate bill, it will be in order to consider the Senate bill in the House without the intervention of any point of order. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit on the Senate bill. Testimony was heard from Representatives Canady, Clinger, Shays, Mica, Istook, English of Pennsylvania, Fox of Pennsylvania, McIntosh, Weller, Bryant of Texas, Dingell, and Traficant.

GIFT REFORM

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for consideration in the House without intervening point of order of H. Res. 250, to amend the Rules of the House of Representatives to provide

for gift reform, as modified by the Committee amendments printed in the resolution. The rule provides that the previous question is considered as ordered to adoption of the resolution, as modified, without intervening motion except as provided below. The rule provides 30 minutes of debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules. The rule provides for consideration of the amendment printed in the report of the Rules Committee if offered by Representative Burton of Indiana or his designee, debatable for 30 minutes divided between the proponent and an opponent. The rule further provides that, if the amendment by Representative Burton or his designee is not agreed to, it is in order to consider the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Representative Gingrich of Georgia or his designee, debatable for 30 minutes. Finally, the rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in the report. Testimony was heard from Representatives Burton of Indiana, Shays, Barrett of Wisconsin, and Minge.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a vote of 6 to 4, a rule providing for one hour of general debate in the House, without the intervention of any point of order, H.J. Res. 122, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1996. The rule provides that the previous question is considered as ordered without intervening motion except one motion to recommit, which may include instructions only if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. Testimony was heard from Chairman Livingston and Representatives Obey and Jackson-Lee.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted a rule waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2126, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

Joint Meetings

NATIONAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE COPYRIGHT PROTECTION ACT

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on the Judiciary concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on the Judiciary's Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property on S. 1284 and H.R. 2441, bills to adapt the copyright law to the digital, networked

environment of the National Information Infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce/Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and Chair, Working Group on Intellectual Property Rights, Information Infrastructure Task Force; Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, Copyright Office, Library of Congress; and Mihaly Ficsor, World Intellectual Property Organization, Geneva, Switzerland.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1995

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Indian Affairs, and with the House Committee on Resources to review the Alaska Natives Commission's report to Congress transmitted in May 1994 on the status of Alaska's natives, 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth Building.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management and The District of Columbia, to hold hearings on S. 1224, to amend subchapter IV of chapter 5 of title 5, United States Code, relating to alternative means of dispute resolution in the administrative process, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Indian Affairs, to hold joint hearings with the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, and with the House Committee on Resources to review the Alaska Natives Commission's report to Congress transmitted in May 1994 on the status of Alaska's natives, 10:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth Building.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate Committee Meetings scheduled ahead, see page E2192 in today's RECORD.

House

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 325, to amend the Clean Air Act to provide for an optional provision for the reduction of work-related vehicle trips and miles traveled in ozone nonattainment areas designated as severe; and H.R. 1787, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to repeal the saccharin notice requirement, 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families, to mark up H.R. 2570, Older Americans Amendments of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations and the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, joint hearing on the Status of the Medicare Transaction System: The Health

Care Financing Administration's Planned Data System to Control Fraud/Abuse, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on House Oversight, to continue hearings on Campaign Finance Reform, with emphasis on Political Action Committees, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Resources, to continue markup of H.R. 2402, Snowbasin Land Exchange Act of 1995, 9:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources, hearing on the following: H.R. 1232, Reclamation Facilities Transfer Act; Texas Reclamation Projects Indebtedness Purchase Act; and the Missouri River Basin, Pick-Sloan Projects Facility Transfers Act; 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, hearing on Climate Models and Projections of Potential Impacts of Global Climate Change. 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, executive, to consider pending business, 2 p.m., HT-2M Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, to mark up the following: H.R. 2594, Railroad Unemployment Insurance Amendments Act of 1995; H.R. 308, Hopewell Township Investment Act of 1995; H.R. 255, to designate the Federal Justice Building in Miami, FL, as the "James Lawrence King Federal Justice Building;" H.R. 395, to designate the U.S. courthouse and Federal building to be constructed at the southeastern corner of Liberty and South Virginia Streets in Reno, NV, as the "Bruce R. Thompson United States Courthouse and Federal Building;" H.R. 653, to designate the U.S. courthouse under construction in White Plains, NY, as the "Thurgood Marshall United States Courthouse;" H.R. 840, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 215 South Evans Street in Greenville, NC, as the "Walter B. Jones Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" H.R. 869, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 125 Market Street in Youngstown, OH, as the "Thomas D. Lambros Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse;" H.R. 965, to designate the Federal building located at 600 Martin Luther King, Jr. Place in Louisville, KY, as the "Romano L. Mazzoli Federal Building;" H.R. 1804, to designate the U.S. Post Office-Courthouse located at South 6th and Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, AR as the "Judge Isaac C. Parker Federal Building;" a measure to transfer certain property in the District of Columbia for the construction of a national memorial to Japanese-American patriotism during World War II; and pending prospectuses, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, to continue hearings on IC21: The Intelligence Community in the 21st Century, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, H.R. 2099, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for fiscal year ending September 30, 1996, 10 a.m., S-207, Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Thursday, November 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, November 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will consider H.J. Res. 122, providing further continuing appropriations, and any available conference reports.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2126, Defense Appropriations for fiscal year 1996 (rule waiving points of order);

H. Res. 250, House Gift Reform (rule providing for consideration in the House, 30 minutes of debate); and

H.R. 2564, Lobbying Disclosure Act (open rule, 2 hours of general debate).



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